

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-01-02**

Date Published: December 28, 2000
For Work Week Commencing: January 2, 2001
Business Meeting: January 2, 2001, 2:00 P.M.

Preliminary matters for action:

- 1. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**
- 2. ELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN**
- 3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY**

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. MPC SALE – Placeholder (1/3/01)
2. D2000.12.211 – MPC – Increase in Transportation Balancing Penalty – Introduction to filing. Discussion, direction. Action on MPC request for interim relief (1/3/01)
3. D2000.8.124 – Qwest and Touch America – Arbitration – To consider objections to discovery and other matters as necessary (1/3/01)
4. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – UNE Cost, etc. Docket – To act on Avista objection to Qwest 40, received 12/22, and other matters as necessary in this docket (1/3/01)

5. D2000.2.21 – Qwest – Competitive Response Tariff – To consider Qwest's objection to Notice of Commission Substitution and to clarify the Commissioners that will sit on this docket (1/3/01)
6. L-00.5.3-RUL – Hot Springs Telephone Co – Rulemaking – Interest on Customer Deposits – Discussion and action on motion for reconsideration (1/3/01)
7. Commission Operations Manual (Blue Book) and certain administrative rules – Introduction to the Blue Book and other matters related to Commission organization (1/3/01)
8. Legislative meeting each day if needed.

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 1:45 p.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. N2000.12.206 – MPC – Therm Billing Zone Changes

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1. Montana Power Company, Docket N2000.12.212 (Denise)

On December 21, 2000, the Commission received a complaint letter from John L. and Linda Swanson regarding the charges from MPC for a prospective house movement from Townsend to Helena, Montana. Among other concerns, the Swansons allege that MPC's charges do not comply with Title 69, Chapter 4, Part 6, Montana Code Annotated, and the Commission's administrative rules at Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) Title 38, Chapter 5, Sub-Chapter 24.

Recommend: Issue Notice of Complaint to MPC.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-01-08

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2000.12.209 – Energy West – Energy West Montana – Cascade gas cost tracking application
- N2000.12.210 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 00-51 “number forwarding service”
- D2000.12.211 – Montana Power Co – Application for increase to the Balancing Penalty rate
- N2000.12.212 – PSC – Investigation of complaint filed by John Swanson against Montana Power Co
- N2000.12.213 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff 00-52 “ISDN single line service promo”